

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Criminal Action
	)	No. 13-10200-GAO
	)	
DZHOKHAR A. TSARNAEV, also	)	
known as Jahar Tsarni,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

BEFORE THE HONORABLE GEORGE A. O'TOOLE, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**EXCERPT OF DISPOSITION**

**ALLOCUTION OF DZHOKHAR A. TSARNAEV**

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Wednesday, June 24, 2015

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THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, your Honor, for giving me an opportunity to speak. I would like to begin in the name of Allah, the exalted and glorious, the most gracious, the most merciful, "Allah" among the most beautiful names. Any act that does not begin in the name of God is separate from goodness.

This is the blessed month of Ramadan, and it is the month of mercy from Allah to his creation, a month to ask forgiveness of Allah and of his creation, a month to express gratitude to Allah and to his creation. It's the month of reconciliation, a month of patience, a month during which hearts change. Indeed, a month of many blessings.

The Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, said if you have not thanked the people, you have not thanked God. So I would like to first thank my attorneys, those who sit at this table, the table behind me, and many more behind the scenes. They have done much good for me, for my family. They made my life the last two years very easy. I cherish their company. They're lovely companions. I thank you.

I would like to thank those who took time out of their daily lives to come and testify on my behalf despite the pressure. I'd like to thank the jury for their service, and the Court. The Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, said that if you do not -- if you are not merciful to

1 Allah's creation, Allah will not be merciful to you, so I'd  
2 like to now apologize to the victims, to the survivors.

3 Immediately after the bombing, which I am guilty of --  
4 if there's any lingering doubt about that, let there be no  
5 more. I did do it along with my brother -- I learned of some  
6 of the victims. I learned their names, their faces, their age.  
7 And throughout this trial more of those victims were given  
8 names, more of those victims had faces, and they had burdened  
9 souls.

10 Now, all those who got up on that witness stand and  
11 that podium related to us -- to me -- I was listening -- the  
12 suffering that was and the hardship that still is, with  
13 strength and with patience and with dignity. Now, Allah says  
14 in the Qur'an that no soul is burdened with more than it can  
15 bear, and you told us just how unbearable it was, how  
16 horrendous it was, this thing I put you through. And I know  
17 that you kept that much. I know that there isn't enough time  
18 in the day for you to have related to us everything. I also  
19 wish that four more people had a chance to get up there, but I  
20 took them from you.

21 Now, I am sorry for the lives that I've taken, for the  
22 suffering that I've caused you, for the damage that I've done.  
23 Irreparable damage.

24 Now, I am a Muslim. My religion is Islam. The God I  
25 worship, besides whom there is no other God, is Allah. And I

1     prayed for Allah to bestow his mercy upon the deceased, those  
2     affected in the bombing and their families. Allah says in the  
3     Qur'an that with every hardship there is relief. I pray for  
4     your relief, for your healing, for your well-being, for your  
5     strength.

6             I ask Allah to have mercy upon me and my brother and  
7     my family. I ask Allah to bestow his mercy upon those present  
8     here today. And Allah knows best those deserving of his mercy.  
9     And I ask Allah to have mercy upon the ummah of Prophet  
10    Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. Amin. Praise be to  
11    Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

12            Thank you.

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## C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Marcia G. Patrisso, RMR, CRR, Official Reporter of the United States District Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript constitutes, to the best of my skill and ability, a true and accurate transcription of my stenotype notes taken in the matter of Criminal Action No. 13-10200-GAO, United States of America v. Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev.

/s/ Marcia G. Patrisso  
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